

**Did you know?**

The ancient adventurer Kupe is said to have discovered Aotearoa, New Zealand. His great legacy can be found throughout the Hokianga.



- 12 Point of Interest
- L Landmark
- Route
- Walking track
- Swimming
- Food
- Cafe
- Shop
- Petrol Station
- Twin Coast Cycle Trail
- Scenic views
- Iconic photo stop!
- Local favourite
- Don't Miss

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**Please Drive Safe**  
Take care at intersections, find safe places to pull over, park and turn around.



- Rawene 24 KM
- Kaikohe 55 KM
- ↓ Waipoua Forest 20KM

- ← Kaikohe 34 KM
- ← Rawene 75 KM

**Locals' Tip:**  
Take time to talk with the locals - they know so much about their area.

**Did you know?**  
The Treaty of Waitangi was signed at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds on the 6 February 1840, before it was taken by land over to the Hokianga. The largest signing was at Mangungu.



SUNSET

Te Ara, the pathway, from the Pacific Ocean to the Tasman Sea has arguably seen more early human history recorded than any other journey in the land. From the time of Kupe's naming of the Hokianga Harbour (Kaitaki o Te Wahapu o Hokianga Nui a Kupe) over 800 years ago, through to the largest signings of the Treaty of Waitangi at either end of this journey, this well used pathway, portage and set of roads has provided a dependable connection between two very different coastlines.

Magnificent sunrises in the east are matched by superb sunsets in the west - only 88 km away - but the tides are different, the coastlines are different and the relaxed towns of the Hokianga are a contrast to the busier towns of Paihia and Russell on the edge of the Bay of Islands.

- 1 **Waitangi Treaty Grounds**  
Stand at the place where our founding document, the Treaty of Waitangi, was signed by Maori Chiefs and the British Crown on 6 February 1840. The new Museum of Waitangi tells the story of this special place through multi-media displays and significant taonga (treasures) associated with Waitangi.
- 2 **Paihia Wharf**  
There's always something happening here. From ferries and boats taking visitors on adventures or to relaxing at the classy restaurants and bars over the water. Also i-SITE visitor information.
- 3 **Paihia Township**  
Enjoy the excitement that is Paihia where the cafés, restaurants, shops and tourism businesses are all geared towards you enjoying this beautiful bay.
- 4 **Haruru Falls**  
A lovely horseshoe shaped waterfall only 3km from Paihia. Also connecting with 5km walk through to Waitangi Treaty Grounds.



SUNSET

- 5 **Te Waimate Mission** **L**  
New Zealand's first farm was established by the Church Missionary Society to teach farming practices in the new colony. There have been many visitors over the years including Charles Darwin for Christmas in 1835!
- 6 **Pouērua (basaltic scoria cone)**  
Pouērua is registered with the Heritage New Zealand as a traditional site. It shows a series of contours that would have been pathways up and around the mountain to and from the pa site.
- 7 **Pakaraka Church**  
The Holy Trinity Church (Anglican) is listed as a historic place built in 1873 to commemorate the life of early missionary Henry Williams, who retired to Pakaraka.
- 8 **Ludbrook House**  
Still in the Ludbrook family, this heritage property dates back 190 years and is now registered by the New Zealand Gardens Trust. Offers garden and farm tours incl. gourmet food. Best to book in advance (ph 03 4059 846).
- 9 **Taiamai Rock**  
About 400 metres south east of the Ohaeawai Hotel there's a large volcanic, sacred boulder standing 3.5 metres high.
- 10 **Ohaeawai**  
Today Ohaeawai is famous for its authentic wooden buildings on the corner of two highways but in 1845 near St Michael's Church it was the site of a major battle at Hone Heke's pa where 41 British soldiers died and over 70 were injured.
- 11 **Ngāwha Springs**  
The healing and hot waters of Waiariki Hot Springs and Ngāwha Spa are a very special place for local Māori. Waiariki means chiefly waters. All pools have individual names and amazingly they are different colours and different temperatures.



# TE ARA

## COAST TO COAST



SUNRISE

- 12 **Kaikohe**  
With over 500 years of continuous settlement Kaikohe is home to Ngāpuhi - New Zealand's largest Iwi (tribe) and it's also the midpoint of your journey from coast to coast and the midpoint for Pou Herenga Tai - Twin Coast Cycle Trail.
- 13 **The Pioneer Village**  
There are some hidden gems here inside and outside the 11 heritage buildings dating back to 1862. The friendly guides have the time to share some of the secrets of the village with you.
- 14 **Hone Heke Memorial Park**  
Head up the hill to the Hone Heke monument at the western end of town for great views of the surrounding area.
- 15 **Ye Olde Taheke Store**  
When you're in an isolated part of the world your general store has to be general! There aren't many shops these days where you can buy fresh produce, second hand clothes, books and souvenirs and even therapeutic sunglasses.
- 16 **Wairere Boulders Nature Park**  
Classed as an 'outstanding natural feature' these eroded basalt rocks alongside subtropical rainforest offer self-guided walks of between 30 minutes and 2 hours.
- 17 **Horeke**  
When visitors want to get away from it all, places like Horeke answer the call. Once home to New Zealand's first shipyard and post office, Horeke is now a quaint village wrapped around the edge of the Hokianga Harbour including the Mangungu Mission.
- 18 **Mangungu Mission House** **L**  
Originally a Wesleyan mission station this beautifully positioned house became the scene of the largest signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.
- 19 **Rawene**  
No trip to this part of the world would be complete without visiting this picturesque waterfront town where the Hokianga car ferry connects Rawene with Kohukohu on the northern shore of the harbour.
- 20 **Clendon House** **L**  
Enjoy a glimpse of stylish colonial living dating back to 1860. Learn about the resourceful wife of Captain James Reddy Clendon.
- 21 **Opononi**  
A beautiful place to stop for a coffee or a bite to eat on a sunny café balcony and enjoy the views across to the sand hills on the northern side of the Hokianga Harbour.
- 22 **Sand Dunes**  
Sandboarding, hiking or fishing, with sand hills more like sand mountains there's some serious fun to be had in the north-western side of the Hokianga Harbour.
- 23 **Omapere**  
This is the place for a walk on the beach or jumping in for a swim, and afterwards a rewarding view of the sunset from the hotel deck is a must.
- 24 **Signal Station Road**  
The views from here are legendary and there's a legend here to behold just a short walk from the carpark. Arai Te Uru Heritage Walk offers much more than spectacular views - the legacy of Kupe and his descendants are described here.



## Must Dos

### Dip

Celebrate the different coasts by dipping your toes in the ocean then the sea or the sea then the ocean. You could even photograph the messages you write in the sand on either coast.

### Taste

The name Kaikohe is a shortened version of Kai kohekohe which means 'to eat berries'. Kaikohe is the midpoint of your journey from east to west (or west to east). It's a busy service town with cafes famous for their fried bread sandwiches and, if it's a hot day, an ice cream - *preferably berry flavoured* - is a must!

### Pa Sites

If you were to travel this route a few hundred years ago you would see a series of Pa sites on many of the hilltops between the coasts.

### Landmarks

Northland has nine 'Landmark' sites that tell the stories of Aotearoa New Zealand by weaving together places and events to create a rich tapestry of our history. Visit [www.landmarks.nz](http://www.landmarks.nz) for more info.